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January 6, 1987

Mr. Roy Benson
U. S. Steel Corporation
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Dear Mr. Benson:

Re: 1986 Annual Report and Reclamation Bond, Iron Mountain Mine, PRO/021/008, Iron County, Utah
Annual Reports and Status of Reclamation, Desert Mound Mine, ACT/021/003, Iron County, Utah
Annual Report and Permit Status, Keigley Quarry, ACT/049/001, Utah County, Utah

Enclosed are the 1986 Annual Report Forms for the Iron Mountain, Desert Mound, and Keigley Quarry Mine Operations. We have also enclosed a 1985 Annual Report form for the Desert Mound Mine which we show no record of receiving last year. These forms should be completed and returned to the Division by March 31, 1987. It is necessary that you include an updated map of each operation that clearly shows the entire permit area and delineates those areas that have been reclaimed and those areas that were abandoned prior to 1977. The Annual Reports for the Desert Mound Mine should also include the following:

1. Details on the reclamation of the Blackhawk Fines area
2. Water level monitoring of the Mountain Lion Pit
3. Monitoring of waste dump slope stability
4. Results of reclamation monitoring

The Division has the following additional concerns regarding U. S. Steel's noncoal operations that require your attention.

Iron Mountain Mine, PRO/021/008: This operation was granted tentative approval on June 30, 1986. A reclamation bond has not been posted with the Division to date. Please contact John Whitehead, Permit Supervisor, as to mine status and posting of a reclamation bond.

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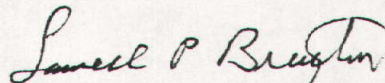
Desert Mound Mine, ACT/021/003: Iron County indicated a willingness in 1985 to acquire the haul road. Please supply us with documentation showing that the county did indeed acquire the haul road thereby relieving U. S. Steel of the reclamation responsibility.

Release of the \$146,381 reclamation bond is contingent upon the achievement of adequate vegetative cover in the reclaimed area. It may be worthwhile for U. S. Steel and the Division to arrange a joint inspection this spring for the purpose of evaluating reclamation success to date. Please contact, Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor, regarding this matter.

Keigley Quarry (ACT/049/001): A review of our files indicates that U. S. Steel's 1977 permit application was not approved. If the 1977 submittal is still consistent with U. S. Steel's current plans for development and reclamation, we will initiate a review of the 1977 application this spring. If the 1977 plan does not represent U. S. Steel's current plans, we would prefer that a revised application be filed. Please note that new rules governing the noncoal mining and reclamation program may be approved in 1987. The proposed rules, however, are not substantially different than the existing rules with regard to large operations such as the Keigley Quarry. Please contact me or Wayne Hedberg as to which course of action you wish to pursue regarding the permitting of the Keigley Quarry.

Thank you for your assistance in resolving this permitting action.

Sincerely,



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